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IF IT MEANS CHEAP FUEL WE ARE FOR IT.

Corpus Christi has a chance to escape natural gas. A legitimate proposition will be placed before the people, backed by sufficient capital to put the deal through.

No criticism offered in a spirit of obstruction should be considered,

and no criticism that is not es-

sentially competitive should be offered.

Cheap fuel means an end to our fight for industry. It

means that deep water will be secured. It means a huge cut in

the cost of household expenses.

We are thoroughly familiar with the provisions of the franchise sought, but we know the character of the men behind it, and are willing to investigate without bias. What we want is

more heat and less conversation, and what we want is what the people want. So many times natural gas has been promised, so

many times invisible agents have

thwarted the will of our citizenship, impudently, without explanation. And now the City Council is in no mood to trifl, or to

negotiate with men whose pur-

pose is not sincere.

Nasty insinuations have been offered, but they have been phar-

matically roundabout. Questions have been asked; names have not

been given. Now, as a matter of fact when a man knows a thing to be true, he is not likely to stuff his mouth with cotton; on the contrary, if he knows of an evil condition surely and does not expose it, he is guilty of bad faith and what the says is of itself mockery and a jest. We believe today, as we have believed from the first, that the City Council stands ready to accept any negotiations propounding that is put before it, and we think that much of the mistakes of the past have been based on the naivete of Mayor Miles and members of the council to secure natural gas.

BENEFITS EXCEED DAMAGE

The damage done to cotton by typhoid virus has not been determined with any degree of accuracy. According to estimates of a crop up to the following amount was 50,000 bushels. That of the crop was passed on to the market.

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THE UPPER HAND

For a world-war Foch provides world-strategy. The separate collections of nations do not stand in his way. Put your finger on the fighting, the fire flames in France, in Italy, in different parts of Russia, in Macedonia and in Mesopotamia. The brilliant campaign of the Russians in Georgia in 1915 would not have ended in disaster if Foch had had the power that he exerts today.

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TEXAS PRESS

Buy Land Now

There was a time when gold was considered the one thing whose value would not decrease.

Gold today is worth approximately 30 per cent. what it should have sold for in 1914.

The relative value of stocks and bonds has been the subject of discussion in financial circles since the first bonds have decreased in value 50 per cent since the beginning of the war.

The necessities of life are the true standards of value. Food and clothing and shelter—these are the things which measure the value of every other thing under heaven.

Gold today will not buy one-half of one of them that the same gold would have bought ten years ago.

Land—the one thing that will produce food and raiment and shelter—is therefore the basis for an value measured in terms of corn or wheat or cotton or any other necessity. The value of land does not change. An acre of land today is worth in terms of those necessities just what that acre of land was worth in 1914.

But measured in terms of gold, that same acre of land is worth much more than it was when the war began, because of one of its products or worth much more.

The price of land has not kept pace with any other values—and the man who buys land today is getting the biggest bargain ever offered. It is the only lasting value that adds a profit to the purchaser through every coming year. —Houston Post.

Meeting the Demand.

At a time when banks in many districts struck districts of Texas are taxing their resources to tide over the termes and difficulties, the fact that the banks of the state, assisted by some individuals, have been able to subscribe for more than \$1,000,000 worth of United States treasury certificates on a quota of \$12,000,000 makes a very creditable showing. It is not altogether satisfactory, of course. Nothing short of meeting the quota could be altogether satisfactory, and the only real pleasure could come in going over the quota. Still it is a very marked improvement over the last previous issue when the State fell short about \$2,000,000.

It is reported that the various Federal and State drought relief plans will ease on the banks by relieving them of a great part of the burden they are now bearing. In that event these banks will be able to do what they would like to do, subscribe to the limit in these treasury certificates, and thus make the government in financing the war to subscription of the next lottery.

Plans in the eastern growing districts are something larger amounts than before. This seems rather para- doxical in view of the stagnation in the cotton crop. However, the rains have been almost offset the dry weather production. The banks have been utilized as always to finance the cotton crop to a certain extent, but as the crop is marketed they are readying a part of their money back and are thus able to turn it to the nation's use.

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BLUFF Drug Store
914 Leopard Phone 136

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The banks out in this part of the State also are doing well. Those of El Paso have made a creditable showing from the very beginning and will do as well in the future unless some extraordinary circumstance intervenes. Improvement in the subscriptions continues as indicated in the total for this last issue, preceding issues will soon find the State going over the top.—El Paso Times.

Kultur's Weapons.

An intelligence department is one of the adjuncts of every military establishment. But the function of the ordinary intelligence department is to obtain information that will be of value to its military establishment in forming its own military plans. Some of the documents being made public by the committee on military information show how much more diverse and expansive are the functions of the German intelligence department.

They show, for example, that one of its chief duties is that of placing bridges where they will be of service to the enemy. Another is that of removing obstructions of every kind.

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Student's Army Training Corps
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1st, 1918, AT

West Texas Military Academy
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Registrants of any age who have completed a High School course are eligible. Ex-Servicemen admitted into the Student's Army Training Corps will receive board, quarters, uniform, equipment and \$30.00 per month. Being put in order, we will be given a private in United States Army. Other students of West Texas Military Academy receive intensive training in High School and Business Courses and Military Training at rates given in catalogues. In sending your application, state age last birthday and high school or college attended. Address: J. D. M. WILLIAMS, Super- intendent of Labor.—The Independents

ECHOES OF SCIENCE

To facilitate the handling of large articles while being hauled a woman has patented a tubular holder on which they can be rolled and held with a flexible strip of metal.

More than a year of good service has been obtained in London from a movement made of wooden blocks covered with rubber, though it has had to bear the heaviest traffic.

The inventor of a flexible cellular radiator core for automobiles has no shaped it that he claims it is proof against breakage and fatigue caused by shocks or freezing.

Gasoline cars on an Australian railroad have wedge-shaped ends, it having been found that the air resistance to the old type cars caused the use of 10 per cent more fuel.

To save vehicles from being run into from the rear by automobiles at night a helmet has been invented that catches dust from headlight and fog lights through red glass.

The first north-to-south trans-African time table recently was worked out, showing that the journey of 4,000 miles from Port Said to Cape Town can be made in from 50% to 60 days.

A pneumatically stabilized motion picture camera has been invented that permits quick adjustment to almost any angle and movement in different directions with steadiness and uniform speed.

OTHER VIEWS

The German Retreat.

The great mass of the British army under General Haig, across the Doubs-Quai line in France, has been the principal event in the battle along the western front this week, and it is impossible to exaggerate the importance to future combined operations of the smashing blows. The most powerful defensive systems of the Germans in the northern area of the western battle front—systems which were assumed to be practically impregnable—have been shattered and taken by the British against the best troops in the German army. The Germans have been forced to evacuate strategic centers of the front in importance to them, and which they are used to hold at all costs.

The whole German front has been badly shaken, and the retreat sweep of the British army has assumed the proportions of a rout. However, the main bulk of the army has still fought off the British, and the British have suffered heavy losses. The British have been utilized as always to finance the cotton crop to a certain extent, but as the crop is marketed they are readying a part of their money back and are thus able to turn it to the nation's use.

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The New Child Labor Bill. However the action of the Supreme Court in passing adversely upon the federal child labor law is regarded one last certainty as inevitable as before the example of this country believe in national protection can be done. It therefore remains to determine what is the best such law a new measure that will meet the test of constitutionality.

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